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1. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 1 OF REFTTEL, WE WOULD POINT OUT THAT
FROM MID-MARCH LUXEMBOURG REP WINTER HAD TOLD AD HOC GROUP
THAT LUXEMBOURG WAS PREPARED TO DROP ITS OBJECTION TO
PARTICIPATION IN PHASE II REDUCTIONS AND THAT THE "ALL
PARTICIPANTS" FORMULA COULD BE ALTERED ACCORDINGLY. IN
SEVERAL INFORMAL SESSIONS WITH THE EAST, ALLIED REPS HAVE
USED THE FORMULA "ALL WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS",
WITHOUT MAKING AN EXCEPTION FOR LUXEMBOURG, AND HAVE

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CONFIRMED IN RESPONSE TO EASTERN QUESTIONS THAT LUXEMBOURG

WAS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN PHASE II REDUCTIONS. AD HOC
GROUP PRESS SPOKESMAN DE VOS, IN REVIEWING ALLIED MOVES
SINCE BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATIONS IN APRIL 17 PRESS
CONFERENCE, ALSO USED ALL WESTERN DIRECT PARTICIPANTS FORMULA.

2. GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE ALLIES ARE ON RECORD, BOTH WITH
THE EAST AND WITH THE PUBLIC THAT LUXEMBOURG WILL PARTICIPATE
IN PHASE II REDUCTIONS, WE SUGGEST THAT THE MATTER BE LEFT
AS IT IS VIS A VIS THE EAST. IN VIEW OF SMALL SIZE OF
LUXEMBOURG FORCES, IT IS PROBABLE THAT SOME AD HOC SOLUTION
COULD BE REACHED WITH THE EAST AT SOME LATER STAGE TO
EXEMPT LUXEMBOURG. TO RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN WITH EAST
WOULD EMBARRASS LUXEMBOURG AND RAISE UNNECESSARY QUESTIONS
ABOUT FIRMNESS OF ALLIED POSITION. HOWEVER, CARE SHOULD
BE TAKEN IN CITING REMARKS MADE BY LUXEMBOURG REP WINTER
TO FISCHBACH, SINCE THE TWO HAVE BAD RELATIONS BOTH
PERSONALLY AND POLITICALLY. RESOR

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